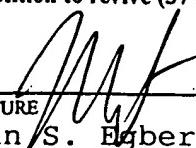


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE <small>FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 10-2003)</small>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1746-16
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 107531058
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/012140	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 31 Oct 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 31 Oct 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TEMPERING AND HUMIDIFYING GAS, ESPECIALLY RESPIRATORY AIR		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <u>GRUNDLER, Christoph; GRUNDLER, Markus; HEINE, Daniel</u>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <small>(will follow)</small></p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$ 500	
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1111/2111	500.00/250.00	Utility Search Fee	
1112/2112	100.00/50.00	Design Search Fee	
1113/2113	300.00/150.00	Plant Search Fee	
1114/2114	500.00/250.00	Reissue Search Fee	
1311/2311	200.00/100.00	Utility Examination Fee	
1312/2312	130.00/65.00	Design Examination Fee	
1313/2313	160.00/80.00	Plant Examination Fee	
1314/2314	600.00/300.00	Reissue Examination Fee	
1201/2201	200.00/100.00	Independent claims in excess of three	
1202/2202	50.00/25.00	Claims in excess of twenty	
1051/2051	130.00/65.00	Surcharge-Late filing fee oath/declaration	
1251/2251	120.00/60.00	Extension for response within first month	
1252/2252	450.00/225.00	Extension for response within second month	
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1462	400.00	Petitions to the Director (Group I)	
1463	200.00	Petitions to the Director (Group II)	
1464	130.00	Petitions to the Director (Group III)	
1452/2452	500.00/250.00	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned	
1453/2453	1,500.00/750.00	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned	
1631/2631	300.00/150.00	Basic National Stage Fee	150
1632/2632	500.00/250.00	National Stage Search Fee	250
1633/2633	200.00/100.00	National Stage Examination Fee	100
1614/2614	200.00/100.00	Claims - extra independent (over three)	
1615/2615	50.00/25.00	Claims - extra total (over twenty)	
1616/2616	360.00/180.00	Claims - multiple dependent	
1617/2617	130.00/65.00	Oath/declaration after 30 mos from priority English trans. after 30 mos from priority	
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1011 300	1011 150	Utility filing fee	
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1005 200	2005 100	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue Independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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Other fee (specify)	*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid	SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)	500
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